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SUBJECT: FY 1977 FMS FINANCING FOR JORDAN

1. ALTHOUGH \$75 MILLION IN FY 1977 FMS FINANCING HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR JORDAN, YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE A FORMAL OFFER OF THIS FINANCING TO THE GOJ UNTIL THE FY 1976 LOAN COSIGNATURE ISSUE IS RESOLVED.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH THE SAUDIS AND WOULD HOPE THAT THE SAUDIS AGREE TO CO-SIGN THE LOAN AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT SINCE THE FY 1976 LOAN WILL FINANCE \$18.4 MILLION LONG OVERDUE ON THE TRUCK PROGRAM AND THE \$10.4 MILLION DUE FOR THE C-130 AIRCRAFT ALREADY DELIVERED. ANOTHER \$22 MILLION OF FY
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1976 FINANCING IS OBLIGATED FOR THE M-109 AND M-110 HOWITZER PROGRAMS; THESE ARTILLERY PIECES WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

3. ADDITIONALLY, BEFORE INTERAGENCY STAFFING OF THE PROPOSED FY 1977 LOAN CAN BE INITIATED, WE REQUIRE A RE-CONFIRMATION OF THE LIST OF PROPOSED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT

TO BE PURCHASED WITH FY 1977 FMS CREDIT. A TENTATIVE LIST

PRESENTED DURING THE OCTOBER 1976 JMC MEETINGS INCLUDED
STINGER GUIDED MISSILES WHICH WILL NOT BE APPROVED FOR
RELEASE TO JORDAN AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE DELETED. YOU
SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AH-15 HELICOPTERS (TOW COBRAS)
WILL BE REVIEWED BY NEW ADMINISTRATION BEFORE DECISION
MADE ON NOTIFICATION OF SALE TO THE CONGRESS.
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